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Synowiecki voting yes. Senator Erdman changing from no to yes.  
Senator Tyson voting no.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, to cease debate.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion was successful. Debate does  
cease. Senator Smith, you're recognized to close on FA1469 to  
LR 14CA. Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Mr. President, I have five minutes to do so. Is  
that correct?

SENATOR CUDABACK: You have five minutes.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I urge  
the adoption of FA1469. Senator Landis has suggested that it's  
a killer amendment. I'm not convinced of that because I've  
heard people say this is very intriguing, this might be a pretty  
good idea. I've heard others concur with Senator Landis. And I  
think this will give a sense to the body of what direction we're  
having. There is still, I believe, more discussion to be had.  
I think it's very unclear as to even if the constitution says  
one casino, consequently how that is treated for tribal casinos.  
And I would have a quick question for Senator Schimek, if she  
would respond.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes.

SENATOR SMITH: Senator Schimek, can you tell me, as precisely  
as possible, what the result would be for tribal gaming casinos,  
that is, should one casino be adopted within the Nebraska  
Constitution?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes. According to the federal or the National  
Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, the four recognized tribes of  
Nebraska would have the right to come to the state and ask to  
compact with the state for gaming. Now do I think they all  
would? No, the Poncas do not have really any reservation land  
which is appropriate.